

November 5, 2018
5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
Ripley City Courtroom

- An ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee, amending Title 17 Refuse and Trash Disposal, to amend said provision, to address the definition of the term “sanitation officer” for purposes of enforcement of the provisions of Title 17, where authorized

Mayor Pavletic presiding

Aldermen present: Alston, Beard, Chipman, Davis, Hankins and Treadway

Alderman absent: none

Also present: Donna Buckner, Superintendent Johnie Ford, Chief Tracey Worlds, Attorney Rachel Jackson, Interim Chief Lynn Gould, and Superintendent Scott Nelson

Visitors: Will Douglas, Barbara Wilson, Pam Worley, Janice Farmer, Tim Bratton, Jennifer Kent, Seal Elder, Carmen Brown, G.C. Blackman, Dexter Currin, Fred Bates, Joyce Cotton, David Cove, Leigh Ann Smalley Ward, Linda Love, Ron Goforth, Amanda Adkerson, Sammy K. Manns, Jenny Nunn, Justin Jones, David Hardee, Seth Byrd, Franz Nolan, and Robert Harrison

Attorney Jackson explained the need for the amendment to the provisions of ordinance Title 17

Dexter Currin addressed the board and proposed a \$3.00 increase to the monthly refuse fee

Attorney Jackson stated that the bulk garbage ordinance has already passed and there was not cost measures attached to that ordinance. The public hearing tonight is to address the definition of “sanitation officer” and eliminating the phrase regarding notification of public safety issues.

Linda Love stated landlords are the biggest abuser.

Attorney Jackson stated the same fine will apply to the landlords at the same \$50 per day rate. She instructed Ms. Love to call Public Works when there is bulk garbage on the curb and Public Works can issue a citation for every day it sits there.

Janice Farmer asked if construction debris is the responsibility of the property owner.

Attorney Jackson stated yes but that’s not the reason for the public hearing tonight. That ordinance was voted on after the public hearing on September 4, 2018.

G.C. Blackman requested the board revisit the bulk garbage issue.

Will Douglas suggested the city utilizing social media to advertise changes such as this.

Donna Buckner stated board meetings are now on You Tube as well as city’s website.

Pam Worley stated she’s not going to remember to check website on a weekly basis. What Will is suggesting would be a Facebook Live notice which would be much more effective. She was unaware of any of this until it was done. She doesn’t feel the citizens were properly notified. A lot of business owners are having issues with others using their dumpsters. Several people here tonight were under the assumption that they would be able to voice their concerns about the improper notification. Sorry to hear that we won’t. She doesn’t read the newspaper every week but does go on social media and would be glad to repost notices if that’s what it takes. She thinks there were a lot of solutions that weren’t looked at.

Attorney Jackson stated that she agrees social media tells us a lot these days and a lot quicker. The city has not used social media because it is not a legal means of giving notice. She asked Ms. Worley if she runs an ad in the local paper. By running ads in the paper you anticipate that people read the paper or you wouldn't be running the ad.

Pam Worley state yes to reach the 60+ year olds that read the paper. The rest of the citizens use social media.

Attorney Jackson stated the city has a defined means of giving notice which is to publish its agenda the Friday before the Monday monthly meeting. It's been the mode of operation forever. Anyone who has been a citizen of Ripley for any length of time with any interest of what goes on at a city board meeting knows that they can come a get a copy of the agenda the Friday before any public hearing or meeting that comes up. This issue was advertised in the paper and was on the agenda which legally required, as well as, after the meeting for the purposes of giving notice. The board did go above and beyond by publishing the change even after it was decided on at the public hearing meeting in September.

Donna Buckner stated it is published on the city's website.

Pam Worley stated the city's website is not social media. A social media page would take less than 5-minutes a week. Turn the comments off. Don't monitor the page. She would run social media page herself for free in order to get notifications out to the citizens to know what is really going on in the community instead of feeling that the city's trying to get something past them.

Alderman Hankins stated that in retrospect he wished we would have put notices on garbage cans beforehand.

Barbara Wilson stated that the one thing that bothers her is riding through her town and seeing where people have thrown trash out on the right-of-way and it's laid there for weeks. Who's going to be fined for that and who's going to pick that up.

Attorney Jackson stated that if it's on someone's property whether it's the tenant, the owner or the construction company that's left it, they can all be sited. If it's not on private property Mr. Ford is going to make a diligent effort to determine whose it is and site them. The effort by this board in doing this was to improve our city not to dirty up the city.

Meeting adjourned 6:20 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor

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Aldermen absent: none

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Visitors: Will Douglas, Barbara Wilson, Pam Worley, Janice Farmer, Tim Bratton, Jennifer Kent, Seal Elder, Carmen Brown, G.C. Blackman, Dexter Currin, Fred Bates, Joyce Cotton, David Cove, Leigh Ann Smalley Ward, Linda Love, Ron Goforth, Amanda Adkerson, Sammy K. Manns, Jenny Nunn, Justin Jones, David Hardee, Seth Byrd, Franz Nolan, and Robert Harrison

Fred Bates, Minister of Music at Fountain of Life, Halls, Tennessee and Ripley Meadows Manager on Gay Street, opened meeting with prayer.

Mayor Pavletic led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve October 1, 2018 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Beard to approve October 2018 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence: none

Alderman Beard introduced Dexter Currin who asked to address the board.

Mr. Currin requested the board to revisit ordinance previously passed regarding bulk garbage.

3. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Davis to approve 2nd reading proposed ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee, amending Title 17 Refuse and Trash Disposal, to amend said provision, to address the definition of the term “sanitation officer” for purposes of enforcement of the provisions of Title 17, where authorized. All aye
4. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Chipman to approve grant contract between the State of Tennessee, Department of Economic and Community Development and City of Ripley in the amount of \$495,000 for sewer system rehabilitation. All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to accept sealed bids for surplus property received and opened October 31, 2018. All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Beard to approve resolution for Municipal Technical Advisory Service to codify and revise the ordinances of the City of Ripley at a cost of \$7,300. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to submit application to TDOT for funding under the Surface Transportation Program of an Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan project for the city. Estimated total project cost is \$90,000 with the city 20% local match estimated \$18,000 and if grant funding approved authority to execute contract agreement between City of Ripley and TDOT. All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to select Kimley-Horn consulting engineering firm (TDOT pre-approved on call list) to perform work necessary to provide ADA Transition Plan if TDOT grant funding is approved. All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to authorize city attorney to contact Ford Construction and request they attend December 2018 meeting to address delay of paving project. All aye including mayor

Alderman Alston wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Mayor Pavletic announced the Veteran's Parade Saturday, November 10, 2018 on the square and Christmas Parade on Thursday, November 29, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor